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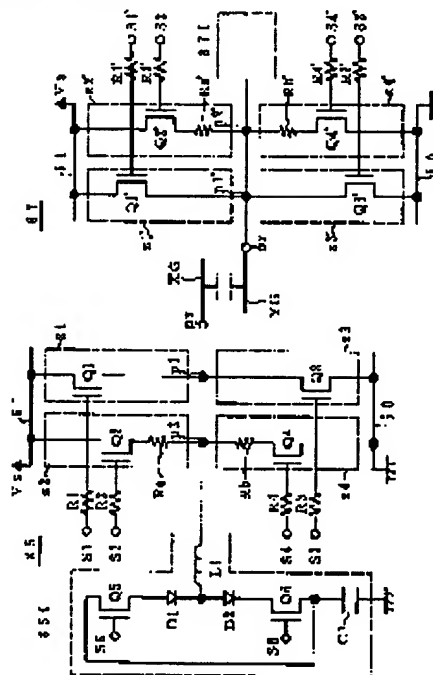
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(54) DRIVING METHOD AND DRIVE DEVICE FOR PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce unnecessary electromagnetic radiation by reducing an electric current peak in the case of the charge and discharge to a capacitive load as a voltage drop during gas discharging is restrained to the minimum.

SOLUTION: In order to cause gas discharge in each cell to compose the image plane of a plasma display panel, the first switchable current path z1 and the second current path z2 which is switchable and larger in impedance than the first current path z1 are provided between a power source line 51 and a terminal px to apply electric voltage to each cell in common with one another, and after only the second current path z2 is closed to begin a charge into the capacity of each cell, the first current path z1 is closed to apply a gas discharge current to each cell.



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